be hands, in an ecctasy, and walked nurricelly around the room.

JOSIAH SUTHERLAND GETS A "REVIVER" AT THIS

His Honor then, walking up to poor Sutherland, just beginning to get cheerful, tapped him playfully on the back in his most approved Henry Clay manner and said, "Oh, my dear fellow, don't be the least uneasy! When did Fernando ever fail in anything he undertook !" Visions of the pursuit of the Governorship and sickly recollections of their late Washington defeats crossed Josiah's brain; but he dared not speak. Wood, taking this silence for consent, then wour a up by affirming that he "owned Bennett-body, soul and breeches; that he bad discovered the best way to manage him; and that The Herald would no more dare to oppose him than a man would dare quarrel with his wife." After this, "enough said" was the general cry, and the preliminary meeting a Hourned to the meeting of the caucus that evening, when the programme for the next day's proceedings of the Wilon Small Committee was carefully prepared and matured by the joint labors of his Honor, Billy Cook. Sutherland and Wilson Small-though Small now un dertakes to swear that his name was put to the manifesto without his authority or consent.

THAT MEETING OF THE WILSON SMALL COM-

In our next we shall furnish an historical, philo cophical, lyrical, tragical, comical, and gastronomical account of that great meeting of the one-horse menagerie called the Wilson Small Committee, which claim to have met in Tammany Hall on the Friday evening of their advertisement; the carcus of the night before, including the speech of his Honor (that same old "backseat " speech), and the remarks of the prefound Sutherland, the able and lucid Chambers, the oleaginous Small himself, the adipose Herrick, and so on through all the characters; how they attempted to meet in the Reading Room, and how Charley Brown locked them out; how they then sought forcible entrance to the coal-hole; the dispute of his Honor and Sancho Panza Small with an organ-grinder and his monkey for possession of the front stoop, and their final resor to the expedient of purchasing soup tickets at the bar of the restaurant, and then (twelve of them) occupying arm chairs at the dining-tables, where Sancho Panza distinguished himself as usual by exhibiting the size of his gullet and his ability to swallow anything or everything which Don Quixote Fernando might offer; how Small was dubbed with the title of the "Great Spoon," and his Committee as the "Regular Soup Committee:" and how Charley Brown finally threatened to set his dogs on the tag-rag-and-bobtail if they didn't clear quickly away from the tables for which more profitable customers were waiting.

APOLOGY FOR MR. AUGUSTUS SCHELL. This brings me back to the original fight in Tammany Hall; but before going into that, it is necessary to say a few words of the position really occupied by Mr. Augustus Scheil-a position most unhappily misunderstood during the pendency of that contest. It mus not be supposed, from the part taken by Mr. Schell in the Tammany struggle, that he was guilty of an intentional treachery to the friends or the cause by which his present exalted position was achieved. Your correspondent believes, and has the best reason for be lieving, that Mr. S. was placed in the false position which he occupied for a time in connection with Fernando Wood, through deceptions practiced upon him, and the intrigues and false representations of those who should have been his friends but were endeavoring to mislead him for their own advancement. It is no imputation on a man's character to say that he has been deceived, or that he has been misled by relying on the statements of those who are false and treacherous. The purest men are the most confiding where they trust at all, and the fault of over-confidence in in dividuals is at worst an amiable weakness.

MR. SCHELL SET RIGHT UPON THE RECORD. Mr. Schell, as I have reason to know, returned from Washington after his appointment with but two objects in view: the first, to be true to the party with which he had always been associated; and, secondly, to administer the duties of his office in the way most likely to promote the peace and welfare of Mr. Buchanan's Administration. Falling into bad hands at first, he was deceived as to the means of procuring these results, and was made to adopt a course that apparently falcified his antecedents, and for a time alienated the confidence of those who both were and are his steadiest and staunchest friends. But now, since the motives and influences surreptitiously brought to bear spon him have been exposed and discarded, it is seen and felt that whatever may have been the temporary tendency of his action, his intentions were always just, honorable and faithful. He fell into the snares set for him pretty much as Mr. Marvine was entrapped by the Larkin letter and other ingenious devices: but his liberation was effected-some rough force having been necessary for the operation-and no one now rejoices more deeply, more prayerfully, more profoundly, than eur new Collector at having escaped from the loathsome and repulsive contact to which the arts of Mr. John C. Mather-of whom more hereafter-for a brief time tempted him to submit.

A NEW CATECHISM FOR OFFICE-HUNTERS. Your correspondent can best sum up what he knows to be Mr. Schell's present position, by a few pertinent

and important "questions and answers," which all our city politicians would do well to have engraved upon their memories: Question-Who rejoices most that the unfortunate

connection between Wood and Schell was so summa rily and disastrously terminated by the result of the late Tammany election? Answer—Augustus Schell. Q. Who felt the record of a past life of purity and

sprightness rising in judgment against him when he made those visits to the Mayor's Office about a month er six weeks ago? A. Augustus Schell. Q. Who now declares himself determined, that,

under no circumstances, nor tempted by any official etation, will be ever again "diegrace himself by asso-" cisting with Fernando Wood or any other scoun-"drel"? A. Augustus Schell.

Q. Who means to profit in the future by the lesso of the past? And echo answers thrice-Augustus Schell, Augustus Schell, Augustus Schell.

In conclusion, should any one assert at the Pewter Mug, the bar of Tammany, or any other fount of pure Democracy, that Fernando Wood is to exercise the control over the actions or appointments of the new Collector, which he boastfully and most falsely asserts that he will, your correspondent would, in the most friendly and confidential way, request the individual so asserting to take a copy of these "Questions and Answers" to Mr. Schell himself and there have his doubts removed.

HISTORY OF THE HARDSHELL PARTY, AS IT IS. No, no! The history of the Hardshell party in the State of New-York is too gloomy and disastrons a chronicle in all its earlier stages, to tolerate the suspicion that it should now be robbed, by semething akin to treachery, of the fruits of its dear-won victory at the very moment of expected fruition. Etarved under Frank Pierce's regimen, and "crushed out" industriously but vainly by Mr. Caleb Cushing, it fought the good fight unflinchingly, and as the trophy of its triumph—the outward and material symbol of the vindication of its principles-Mr. Schell has been elevated to the Collector's chair. Mr. Schell was the Hardshell candidate for Collector under Pierce; and by the Hardshells he was nominated a member of the Central Committee from New-York, from which position his elevation to the Collectorship might be

regarded as a natural step.

At the meeting of the State Convention, after the adjournment of the Cincinnati Convention, Fernando Wood endeavored and worked all his wires to secure a united delegation of Hards and Softs from this city to nominate himself for Governor, so that he might be able to say (in his most persuasive Henry Clay style) to members from the rural districts: "You perceive that I am the only person upon whom the party can be united; and as New-York City is the field where our battle must be chiefly fought, and vowed in his name, until about four days before the Pollywegs (Baldwin), were nemnated by Grand and so both sides, as you see, are my warm sup- the election of the Connell of Sachems—the point Sachem Delavan and John Kelly, to be the inspectors

porters, it will be madness on your part to refuse my nomination." But his Honor was defeated in to deeply cherished design, and he and Mr. Sche at well know both how and by whom; for the animosities then engendered have since become sering prince An opposition was formed again Wood by the Hardshells, determined not to " a their delegation disgraces by the indersement of such a man; and desirous that their old frierd, and banner-bearer, Mr. Schell, should hat, e the conor and benefit of being their candidate before the country at this auspicious time-the last act of the Harsdhell party-they secured him a support in that Convention exceeding that given to Fo nando Wood, and thus conferred on our new Collector precedence over Wood in the State politics of the Democratic party. The friends who aided in obtaining this result, inherited a legacy of hatred seriously muitating against their personal and official interests and that legacy, we believe, was found to be of a nature beyond the skill of a certain late "public ad-ministrator" to administer. If, with such antecedents, Mr. Schell had proved recreant to his party in the hour of victory and need, the mere facts would have fermed a monument to their author which would have needed no inscription to point a moral.

SECRET HISTORY OF THE LAST STRUGGLE IN ST. TAMMANY.

I said in my opening that there were grave suspicions of corruption against a "Bird in the Bush": for if he had not had his "crop stuffed" and his "comb cut," as binted by two "small-sized papers,"-how otherwise could be have forborne to crow over the re-

sult of the late Tummany election? Keep in your mind, if you please, that this fight at St. Tammany was a political war, having little or no reference to the municipal struggle now waging in our public offices and courts, with such weapons as in unctions and quo warranter,s; it was a combat inde pendent, though destined to exert an important fafluence on the other-a combat between rowdies and respectability-between honest men and rogues for political ascendancy; and in the mortal arbitration of the Sachems, his Honor was routed utterly, beyond redemption and beyond redress; even Mr. Michael Tuomey has been recently inquiring the price of crape, and Irish Tom and the other whisky-braves pour out libations to the memory of their dead Chief with unsteadier and yet unsteadier hands. Our municipal freehooters have been expelled from their seats around the Council-fires of the Big Wigwam, and the place that knew his Honor, to its cost, and that his Honor knew to his own great profit,-the result of the Westchestrian victory-has dissolved these relationships for-

A PARKER VEIN ILLUSION DISSIPATED. Even at the risk of seeming tedious, I must recapitu late some of the points essential to a full understanding of the scheme by which his Honor hocussed the Col lector. The story of Lowber and his market speculation, under the regime of Mr. Redfield, would lonearly half its piquancy if the public were left in ignorance of the plans devised by his Honor to retain dominion of the Custom-House. It has been stated in The Herald-the Mayor's special organ (of which Judge Russell is chief bellows-man)-that the fight at St. Tammany was "a mere squabble for the spoils! This is about equal to his Honor's discovery-imme diately ofter the adverse result of the contest had been declared-that "the struggle for Sachems was Mr. Schell's struggle, not his; and that consequently "the defeat was Mr. Schell's defeat, in which he was 'in nowise interested."

RECAPITULATION OF IMPORTANT HEADS On the appointment of the Collector, it had been agreed between Mather, Croswell and his Honor, in pursuance of a grand combination formed at Washington while Mr. Schell was still on the anxious seat of expactancy, that his Honor should retain through the covert influence of his two associates, the same as cendancy over all Custom-House appointments which he had exercised during Mr. Redfield's tenure by marketing with the market-hopes of Mr. Robert W. Lowber, Mr. Redfield's respected son-in-law. By manage ment the three conspirators hoped to induce Mr. Schell to throw the entire weight of his position and patronage into his Honor's hands, for the purpose of revital izing the system that was otherwise on the brink of dissolution; and then, by a general slaughter of the innocents assembled round the "baked meats" of his Honor's fictitious funeral, his Majesty might be again enthroned as King of Manhattan Island and monarch of all he surveyed.

THE ARMY THAT STORMED ST. TAMMANY. But the pre-requisite of this scheme was the seizur of St. Tammany and the installation of the Wilso Small Committee as his Honor's obedient tools: with the Sachems in his power he could do everything-but from a Council inclined to honesty, what was there that such a man might not fear? All the evil in-fluences of the city were self-interested in his Honor's success: if the heart of corruption ceased to beat, what hope was left for the minor prehensile organs of municipal absorption? Let me briefly chronicle some few of these evil influences arrayed under the Chinese banner and engaged in the assault on the Wigwain: the magnitude of the victory may be estimated from the golden spoils collected from the killed and cold on the morning after the battle. His Honor had a regiment from the County Clerk's Office, Col. R. B. Conolly ("Slippery Dick") commanding, with Mr. Jack Brown for Adjutant, and Steve Duryea as Supervisor of the Commissariat. A regiment from the Sheriff's Office. Col. Jim C. Willett commanding, and Corporal Joe Cornell, to whom his Honor has promised the shrievalty, bringing up the rear. A regiment from the office of Repairs and Supplies, Nat Selah in command, and Mr. Jim Irving displaying considerable muscle on the flanks. A regiment from the office of the Council to the Corporation, "Galorious" in his glory at the head, with Charley May for fugleman, and Dutch Stemmler bringing up the German reserve. A whole regiment, minus it proper Colonel, from the Controller's Office, with Joe Rose and Mr. Smith playing Colonel alternately, in the absence of Col. Flagg, who retains some foolish prejudices in behalf of honesty. Three cohorts of office seekers, headed by Mr. Wm. McMurray (the same frightened by those "Wheatland documents"), who were all told that if the Wilson Small Committee were victorious "it might be relied upon for turning out all 'such candidates as commended themselves to his Honor's favor." A regiment from the Board and ffice of Common Councilmen, headed by John Clancy who has been promised the Mayoralty when h Monor takes that "backest of back seats" that he speke about at the Chinese caucus), and John Chambers, Deputy Clerk, who has been promised the Registership-(an office worth some \$10,000 a year)-an office which we regret to add has likewise been promised by the same party to Mr. Charles Ring, the big medicine-man of his Honor's "Indians." A regiment of city contractors, over which Mr. James Murphy Boiler Jim"), Mr. Banjamin P. Fairchild and Brother Ben" seemed to exercise about equal con trel. A regiment from his own office, with thousand of camp-followers and whisky braves innumerable; these, and his Honor's own police, with all their enormous secret influence, were the main body of the mu nicipal army with which his Motor marched to overcome and seize that citadel of pure Democracy-the

is understood to enjoy his Honor's undivided confidence. FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS TO HIS HONOR'S

sainted wigwam of St. Tammany. For further par-

ticulars upon this point, apply to Mr. J. Y. Savage, wh

STANDARD.

But his Honor knew that the walls were strong and the braves within determined, the influence of a federal battering train was necessary, and the defenders might have to be alarmed by explosive mines from the Custom-House surreptitionsly introduced, and only waiting for the spark of his House's anger to seatter death on every side among the recusants. To this end it was agreed that Mr. Schell should appear to be ignorant of what his two "advisera" had promised and vowed in his name, until about four days before

pon which the whole contest hinged; and Mr. Mather was to occupy himself in apparently blind negotiations -while tendering the thorny olive-branch, that should sting the hand that touched it—talking mysteriously of "what Mr. Buchanan desired, and "what Mr. Buchanan had said to him" (Mather), until the predestined moment should arrive for putting in operation the "Union Movement" at the Chinese Museum, which has since been played out so much to the public's amusement and his Honor's unmistakable discomfiture. Between Mr. Mather and his Honor there is, as you may well imagine, a cery intelligible against both, "the tongues of the heather" did once furiously wag, and both have been distinguished for their readiness to "take all the advantages that the law allows." I have not time for a good story connected with Mr. Mather and a certain political party of choice spirits, that were assembled ome weeks ago at the wigwam of the Grand Sachem, Mr. Dan. Delavan. Reside, I am not disposed to be illnatured, and the punctilious scruples of that big Indian, the "Father," deserve to be regarded with consideration. But a nod is somtimes as good as a wirk to a blind horse, and the knowledge that there is " a rod in pickle" may exercise a moral influence as wholesome as if the " naughty boy had received the threatened castigation.

A "BAD EGG" THAT WAS DISCUSSED AT BREAK-

Your reporter having ably explained, at the time of its enaction, the preliminary contest between the Chinese and Westchesterian Democratic factions of our city, our history may be taken up on the morning of the eventful struggle for the possession of the old Wigwam and the virtual control of the Democratic party. Mr. Mather was bright and early at his Houor's villa on the Bloomingdale road, where the two conspirators took breakfast together and discussed at considerable length a certain "bad egg" that had been first tapped at Dan Delevan's party, as previously hinted. Despite the ancient odor of that egg, it was resolved, nem. con., that victory must settle on the Chinese standard, and the duty was assigned to Mr. Mather of bringing Mr. Schell to his Honor's office at a certain period of the day-where he should be detained, under pretext of con-ultation, and so forth, until the appropriate moment should arrive for conducting him in soleting procession from the City Hall to the gates of the beleacured citadel. This maneuver, it was hoped, would strike terror into the hearts of all such wavering bayies as bankered after the flesh-pots of the Custom House, and would make the incorrigables (bad eggs, and so forth) even in their own despite, mute witnesses of his Honor's exaltation and the Collector's supposed subserviency. It was also agreed that Mr. John Kelly should be another captive to his Honor's bow and spear, and that he, too, should take part in this muratory movement-the richness and former high character of the prizes attesting the captor's wealth.

CAPTORS AND CAPTIVES MARCH. This stratagem succeeded, and half an hour "before the setting of the sun" on that eventful afternoon, all four-the captors and the captives-issued from the City Hall, and wended their way with great parade across to Tammany. His Honor tried to seize the Collector's arm, but Mr. Schell, with some instinct or fear of the past embrace (that fatal "carriage-hug"). jumped quickly to one side, and placed himself under the protection of his fellow-captive, John Kelly. Thus arm-in-arm-the two prisoners first, and the two capters (Mather and his Honor) behind, keeping an eye on them and pointing them out, while Mr. Michael Tuomey blew a horn (once the property of the Angel Gabriel) to excite the attention of the assembled braves—thus guarded, heralded and triumphant, the four passed into the sacred shades of the big Wigwam. POISONING THE ARROWS AND WHETTING THE

Having secured "Room 22," his Honor now entered on the completion of his final arrangements for the great encounter. Here were assembled the various delegations from the Sneaks, the Crows, the Foxes, the Sacs and the B ackfeet-the Speaks being under the command of Mr. Garry Striker, and the others under equally appropriate chiefs. Ben. P. Fairchildhis Honor's grantee of the Lexington Avenue Stage Line-was engaged in poisoning the arrows, while Joe Rose and (Patent) Medicine-Man Ring sharpened the tomahawks, and Cas. Childs was putting an extra edge upon the scalping-knives wherewith the bloody trophics were intended to be plucked. Sancho Panza Small had three several muster-rolls in his hand. The first contained the names of the braves who could be brought directly into action; the second the names of those waverers who might be relied on to desert in the heat of battle if victory seemed inclining to his Honor; and the third the names of those weaker vessels who could probably be hocussed on the stairs by Irish Tom, Bill Powers and the other Whisky Braves there ensconsed in the profoundest ambush. Everything was declared to be in readiness for the indiscriminate slaughter of all who opposed his Honor; and then the Custom-House officers, headed by Charley Lineback, were introduced to the Collector in the order of a list held and read by Mr. Michael Tuomey-ex-candidate for Alderman and Commissary-General of the Liquor Department on his Honor's Staff. This done, the Celestial Coclies, with the Mandarin (his Honor) at their head, debouched into the great Hall of Council.

PREPARATIONS OF THE WESTCHESTRIANS FOR BATTLE. In another room of the same building the Westchestrian Reformers were as "jolly" as the apparently unequal terms of the contest would permit. Determined to purify the system of primary elections, all the chiefs of the reforming party had spent the day among their tribes, preparing for a grand assemblage of all the valor and virtue that could yet be found uncorrupted among the Democratic masses. The 'Old War-Horse," in splendid condition, was pawing the ground, impatient for the fray, and Sachems Fowler, Conner, Dunlap, Froment, Marsh, Adams and Cochran were early on the field of fight. It was agreed, as a mark of special concession upon the part of the old War-Horse, that warrior Fowler should be allowed to take his Honor's scalp; and thus the Reform chieftains, brandishing their knives and startling the echoes of the old wigwam with their war-whoop, rushed into the grand council chamber, followed by the braves MacKeon, Richardson, Cooper, Dunham Taylor, Sweeney, Brush, Gunther, Harrison, Gallagher (the great Corkonian warrior), and the remainder of the immortal two hundred who recorded their votes in favor of honesty, reform, and party faith.

THE ROTARY PUMP IS SET IN OPERATION. Knowing that your correspondent, even though him elf "a bird in the hand," could not enter the sacred chamber, we had provided for this emergency by placing our friend Tom Byrnes of the First Ward immediately outside the door, and placing under his care our newly-invented patent rotary, full-suction, back-action pump, each person emerging from the chamber being put under its operation until the last drop of informaion had been extracted. Our preceedings were little disarranged by Tom's mistaken idea that any in formation of importance could be extracted from Bill Powers. Tom pumped for several minutes, but the result was the merest "bilge;" and it was not until we submitted Mr. Michael Tuomey to a similar course obtaining a strong alcoholic decoction) that the machine was found to be in perfect working order. Without specifying the exact results of each experiment, suffice it to say that Irish Tom, R. B. Conolly Steve Feeks, Joe Cornell, Ben P. Fairchild, Joe Brondhend, Dug Taylor, Billy Dunham, Tom Duniap. Harry Libeneu and Cas. Childs all yielded liberally t our new mode of milking, and we shall now give the concentrated extract, or such part thereof as may seem

GRAND WAR-DANCE IN THE SACRED CHAMBER. The Chinese were led by John Kelly, supported on the right and left flank by his Honor and John C. Mather. The "Brave Miner, and the paleface of presiding over the contest, and to deciare to which side the victory should incline. Preliminaries thus arranged, the big warrior, Fowler, bared his brawny arm, and brandishing his tomahawk high in air, fixed his eyes upon his Honor, and jumped into the ring. Presently were seen glances of evil omen between Auson Herrick of the Nineteenth and that red-bearded Indian, John Cochrane; they approached each other cautiously, and as Cochrane advanced he commenced a war-dance, to witness which, all the combatants dropped their arms and remained for a moment tranquil. It soon became evident that this dance was a maneuver on John's part to weary out his ponderous antegonist, who was forced to join by the rules of In dien warfare; and as every "dishonest hair" in John Cochrane's beard trickled perspiration before the saltation ended, we may imagine how Herrick must have 'larded the lean earth" as he jigged and capered in that unwelcome dance. The red-bearded Indian, at length successful, owing to the happy favility he has always displayed in changing front, Herrick was soon laid low among the fallen-his scalp now gracing John Cochrane's girdle; and the battle was again renewed, when high above the din of the combat might be heard the neigh of the "Gld War-Horse" and the sounding reverberation of his kick.

HIS HONOR BRINGS OUT AGAIN THAT PARTICULAR WHITE FEATHER.

Just about this time his Honor began to grow theroughly alarmed-the big Indian, Fowler, threatening him on one side, and the young warrior. Waterbury, whetting a knife for his scalp upon the other. Chris. Gunther had cornered Mr. Schell in a quiet spot near the fireplace, and was denouncing his Honor in particular, and all other tricketers generally, in no measured terms. It soon became evident that the tide of battle was setting strongly against the Chinese: and then it was that his Honor made that memorable invocation to the "Great Spirit" which-Mr. Michael Tuomey overhearing-was answered instantly by a glass of spiced brandy from the bar, sent up at Mr. Tuomey's request. His Honor's countenance then assumed a death-like expression, far exceeding in ghastliness the simulated pallor which he put on when Mr. P. B. Sweeny first examined him his face exhibited the same terror that it wore when Jim Hughes made his famous threat on the night of the first organization of the Wilson Small Committee. But fertile in expedients, and seeing defeat inevitable, it was at this crisis that his Honor adopted the "polcy of proclaiming to every one that "the fight was not his fight, but Schell's; and that it would be 'Schell's defeat, not his." This idea so enraged Fowler that his Honor's life was no longer safe in the same room; and calling on Ben. Fairchild and Sancho Panza Small to guard his retreat, the beaten mozarch of Manhattan fled hastily from the room, a long white feather marking his track as he disappeared into the corgenial darkness of the lobby. This "feather" is believed to be the same that he exhibited at or about the time of the last election, in his famous encounter with Mr. R. J. Dillon.

THINGS SAID TO BE SAID THAT WERE NEVER

SAID. Our friend "Galorious" has been greatly exercised by the result. For days and nights he was in a fever of excitement at the issue presented by Sweeny's nomination for the Sachemship. He sadly remembered that he had removed Mr. Sweeny from his office; and in the hope to please his Honor thereby, had been specially insulting in his mode of doing so, and by every means within his reach had endeavored to break Sweeny down-protesting with tears in his glorious eyes to Nesbitt of the 18th, that he "had staked his political fortunes on Sweeny's ruin, and that as Sweeny went up in the political scale, so 'must be descend in an inverse ratio." He further said that said Sweeny said, that " brains and not brass were the qualifications most essential to the office which he (said Glorious) holds;" and further, that said contumacious Sweeny had also declared that ' if he (said Glorious) continued in office much longer, ' all the Judges of our Courts would be applying for additional compensation for performing in Corporation causes the duty which ought of right to be discharged by the Corporation Counsel;" and Snally that said Sweeny had applied to a certain friend of his (not specified) the epithet of "Foolah," or Dirt-Eater, a name taken from the interior of Africa-all which, I

The result of the struggle showed that Mr. Sweeny stood fifth on the list, falling only thirteen votes behind the old War-Horse Purdy-a result which indicates that six votes and the half of a vote form the active strength and available resources of said "Glorious" in the conservative Council of the Democratic

feel bound to add. Mr. Sweeny most emphatically de-

party. QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN THE PROPER

Perhaps, as certain investigations are now going on in our city, the following questions might not be deemed

irrelevant: What corporation suits have been tried since las October, and who appeared in them on behalf of the city? What has been the gross amount of the interests involved, and to what extent has our city beer mulcted? How much has the city either paid or incurred for the fees of assistant counsel over and above what it had ever paid before in similar cases, and how many references have been submitted to outside law vers-Mr. Josiah Sutherland, one of his honor's candidates, among the number? How was the Lake Sharp suit settled, and how can we account for the extraordinary efforts made by the Corporation Counsel to induce Comptroller Flagg, to pay out of the City Treasury to Mr. Lowber, the sum of \$196,000 for a centract not authorized by any provision of municipal aw! What does Mr. George H. Purser know about the matter, and might not Mr. Purser be induced to squeak (like one of the crying dolls), if a due pressure were applied! The present Bird was hung in a room where a certain person slept one night, and heard that person talking in his sleep : that person ad horrid dreams-" Pirates and Puritans" dancing fandangoes through his troubled brain: in fact, that person slept almost as badly as did Mr. George W. Pomercy, after he had dined with a certain "Dick" at Deligonico's, through Mr. James Kelly's introduction. The matter should be referred to Mr. M. V. B. Wilcoxen, who comes from the neighborhood of Kinderbook, and has latterly had practical charge of the Corporation Caucus. Mr. W. is but a young man, having been appointed Clerk by the late lamented L. B. Shepard, and has generally to employ some Assistant Coupsel: but there were cases in Arabia once (not in the time of the good Haroun Alraschiel), when 'simple ignorance was thought better than an interested knowledge."

ONCE MORE IN WASHINGTON-BRIBES, BREAK-

FASTS AND BOUQUETS. But let me take a flight to Washington before this etter closes. Don't think that I go there to notice the charming breakfasts got up at the house of Mr. S. A. Douglas, and to which Mr. R. B. Connolly was in the babit of inviting Mr. Michael Tuomey, Descon Herrick, Bob Gamble, Mr. Michael Walsh, Josiah Sutherland, Isaac Bell, jr., and all the rest of those "eminent New-York politicians," through whose influence Mr. Douglas (if there be any truth in Mr. Connolly's premises) is to receive the unanimous vote of our State at the next Presidential election-a favor for which "Slippery" hopes to be paid beforehand by the influence of the "Little Giant" in the matter of clerkship to the House of Representatives, to which office our friend "Slippery" is understood to be aspiring. Tis not for that I wish to visit Washington, nor even to notice these expensive bouquets which said "Slippery" was in the habit of carrying to the matutinal feast. What I do go back for is to ask the name of the gentleman who, in Willard's bar-room, told Mr. Herrick of the Ninetcenth, that unless he the nameess person) went back to New-York that night and raid \$10,000 the next day at 2 o'clock p. m.," a certain bill would be vetoed, of which the profits, if successful, would justify a much larger outlay? Can the \$10,000 here mentioned have the remotest connection

with the six one thousand deliar bills and a conditional check for \$4,000 more, of which we have latterly heard o much in municipal circles coupled with the laughingly quoted remark that "Brother Ben is just now in need of money?" If so, things are taking a strange turn; for it was always understood that Mr. Lowber's influence with his father-in-law, Collector Redfield, would be adequate to all market purposes! Mr. Semmler, his Honor's German emigrant sergeant, begins to feel not a little uneasy; that English note on the letter of German text-the letter so unhappily miscarrying-begins to give him uneasiness and not a doubt about it but that he would "squeak if the proper compression were legally applied. a matter of regret that Mr. Morrissey and some other of his Honor's henchmen should have got themselves into trouble. The whole story of Dan. Linn, his back pay, the way it was procured, and his trip to Syracuse in disguise as one of his Honor's wire-pullers for the Governorship-all these things, are they not fanny; but is this the proper time to tell them ?

A wire man will keep all his most important infor mation for defense; and with that oracular proverb (which will be understood where it is applicable). I subscribe myself until the "Bird in the Bush" sees fit to reappear or explain his silence, the public's most chedient servant. A BIED IN THE HAND.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At 54 o'clock p. m. there were only Ald. Tucker, Blunt, Owens, Corwin, Griffiths and Fulmer present. Ald. Fulmer was called to the Chair, and, a quorum not answering, the Chair declared the Board adjourned In answering, the Chan declared, to Thursday.

Immediately afterward, Ald. Clancy, the President, arrived, with most of the other members, and signed a call for a special meeting, which was set down for 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

Monday, June 15.—The President, Jonas N. Phil-trs, esq., in the chair.

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The Board met at 5 o clock. After reading and approving the minutes, the special order of the evening—it being the third reading of bills—was taken up. The following were among the Bills Passed—Secret—In favor of building sewers in Front treet from Maiden lane to Wall street; in Greenwich street, from Le Roy to Clarkson street; in Fifty-fourth street, from Third to Second avenue; in Breadway, from Pine to Wall

ce-In favor of a new Station House in the Twenty sec

ond Ward.

Fire Department—In favor of repairing house of Hose Company No. 48; of building new house for Engine Company No. 15; relative to the removal of Hose Company No. 38; relative to petition of Hose and Ladder Company No. 4; in relation to petition of Hose Company No. 22; of new doors in houses of Engine Company No. 22 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 24 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 25 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 25 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 25 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 26 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 26 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 27 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 28 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 29 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 29 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 29 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 20 and

No. 1 Grading Streets—In favor of grading Fourth street from Fif-ty cighth street to Seventy-first street. Assessments—In favor of remitting assessment against Leake and Watte Orphan Asylum. Opening Streets—In favor of opening Ninety-sixth street, from

dissements—In favor of remitting assessment against Leake and Warts Orphan Asylum.

Opening Streets—In favor of opening Ninety-sixth street, from North to East River.

Facing Lexington Arenus—The bill for confirming the centract to Monell, for the paving of Lexington avenue, came up. After on exciting debate, in which Mr. Boots, Mr. McCantll, Mr. Bullett and Mr. Warsker advocated the confirmation, and Mr. Branty and Mr. Ottakes opposed it, the bill was put to a vote and lost for the want of a majority vote of the Boots. The opposition arose out of a well-grounded anspicion that there and been collusion somewhere to swindle the city. A metion was made to reconsider the vote, which was carried, and the matter was laid on the table.

Recommitted—In favor of donating \$1,000 to the New York Eye Indimery. In favor of porchasing land on Ward's Island. In favor of authorizing the issue of 6 per cent bonds to the grounder \$2.75,000 to purchase the State Arsenal property.

The Board their referred the following.

Petitions—Of property-owners in Forty-fifth street for sewers. Of clerks in Street Department for their salaries.

Cleaning Streets—Of Minturn Post, M. D., medical adviser of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, Cornelius ance Company, James Stewart, M. D., medical adviser of the New York Infe Insurance Company, Adam Districts—Of Hollowing of the streets.

Of Hose Company No. 22 for a new carriage. Of H. Roome, for a rew Hook and Laider Company in the Footeenth Ward. Resolutions—Mr. Campent, threw a bombabell into the Board in the shape of the following:

Resided. That the Counsel to the Corporation be directed to give his opinion to this Board whether any member of the Common Council, laving accepted an office under the State or Federal Government, bas not thereby, according to the provisions of the Content, laving accepted an office under the State or Federal Government, bas not thereby, according to the provisions of the Content, laving accepted an office under the State or Federal Government, bas not

Mesers. Hugues, Jupson and Gilmartin simultaneously pers and moved that the resolution lay on the table, which was

carried.

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Be it enacted by the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the

City of New York, in Common Council convened:

Section 1. The City Inspector is hereby authorized and
directed to have the streets, alleys, lanes and public places of
the city, except in the Tweith Ward thereof, immediately
swept and cleared of all mad, ashes, refuse, garbage, and all
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SEC. 2. The City Inspector is further authorized and directed to cause such street-cleaning to be performed as often as in his adament may be necessary for the preservation of the public health, until the contractors shall assume the work or other measures shall be taken by the Common Council.

SEC. 3. The Controller is hereby authorized and directed to pay from the appropriation for cleaning streets for the year 1857, so much as may be necessary to liquidate the expenses incurred by the City Inspector under this ordinance, upon receiving from the City Inspector the required legal vacuchers.

Mr. Ottansov asked the unanimous consent of the Board that the ordinance might be passed to might.

Mr. Warner objected, and the bill laid over, under the ruling of the Chair.

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Mr. McCanill offered the following:
Whereas. The peace and good order of our city has been disturbed by a lawless rang of desperatioes under the assumed name of the Metropolitan Police; therefore, be it
Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to have the said desperadors arrested forthwith, and punished to have the said desperadors.

hed according to law. The Board then adjourned to Thursday

THE BROOKLYN BOARD OF HEALTH. At a meeting of the Board vesterday, the Mayor tated that he had made an official visit to the bark Mary, at Atlantic Dock, and ascertained that there had been no case of yellow fever on board of that vessel; neither was there any contagious disease on other vessel in port.
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The following permits were granted:
Schooner Southern Belle, naval stores. North Carolina; bark James Bryant, Cardenas, with sugar; Mountain Eagle, Trinided, sugar and molasses; bark North Star. Cleafusgos, augar and molasses; birg Belle Poule, Porto Rico, sugar and molasses; birg Belle Poule, Porto Rico, sugar and molasses; birg Santiagua. from Trinided, sugar and molasses; birg N. Storrs, Parto Rico, sugar and molasses; birg N. Storrs, Purto Rico, sugar and molasses; brig G. W. Horton, do.; schr. Europa, Havana.

Permission was grapted to all these vessels to land cargoes. Ald. Prestos moved that the Health Wardens be

directed to make a personal examination of each ves-sel arriving in port, and inquire as to the health of the port from which they sailed; also, to report the name of the captain or efficer in command. The motion was carried and the Board adjourned.

THE POLICE.

METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS The Metropolitan Police Commissioners met yester day and rendered decisions in the cases of the 159 policemen tried on Friday last for insubordination, all of whom were dismissed. There was but one new appointment made.

During the estire day yesterday, a large body of police detailed from nearly all the wards in the city were in waiting at the headquarters in White street, n case of any emergency in which their services might be required. Early in the evening they were dis

Inspector Squires of the Eleventh Precinct reported the following vesterday, to the office of the Metropolitan Police Commissioners in White street:

"It affords me pleasure to state that no difficulty usual quictness. Whether this was owing to the prevalence of better counsels in the camp of the outlaws, or to the fact of our being better prepared to receive and reciprocate their courtesies, of course I cannot tell. It is charitable, at least, to presume the former. One thing may be depended on, we shall be prudent and for bearing to a fault, but if driven to the wall we shall two to yieldeste our suphority and manked.

y to vindicate our authority and manhood.

"Mr. Laffin's wounds, it is hoped, may not prove tal, although he suffered much during the night from his terrible injuries. He is still at the station-bouse, unable to be removed. He is stabbed in three places instead of one, as reported yesterday morning— one in the back, one in the thigh, and in the abdomen. PETER SQUIRES, Inspector of Eleventh Patrol District."

THE LATE DISTURBANCE IN THE ELEVENTS WARD .- Officer Owen of the Eighteenth Ward or Sunday right arrested a young fellow known as John Divine, alias Yellow Divine, on suspicion of having been implicated in the late murderous assault upon Officer Laffia of the Eleventh Ward Metropolitan Po lice force, and Mr. John Soss, grocer, corner of Tenth street and Avenue C. on Saturday night last. Divine was transferred to the custody of Officer Lozell of the Eleventh Ward, who showed him up yesterday in the neighborhood where the disturbance of Saturday night occurred. Mr. Soss, who is believed to be fatally in-

ured, identified Divine as the individual who stabled him in the neck, while officers also recognize him as one of the ringleaders of the mob, and whom Officer Vermilyes cautioned Officer Laffin against as being a dangerous man, especially as he had been observed to have something concealed beneath the breast of his coat. Justice Davison of the Second District Court committed the accused to prison to await a further examination.

AMUSEMENTS.

WALLACK'S THEATER. - A number of benefits come off at this establishment this week, although the regular season may be considered at an end. evening the Charles Ware benefit takes place, and on Wednesday night the popular comedian, George Holland, offers a bill of unusual attractions for his benefit. All those to whom the memory of the "Little Olympic" is the dearest theatrical reminiscence of their lives, will not fail to be on hand to witness three of their favorite old pieces. Mr. Holland was a most valuable and active member of the Olympic company, and has ever been a favorite in New-York, so that his benefit can scarcely fail to be a substantial one. The pieces appounced are, "The Maid of Croissy," with the old Park favorite, Mr. James Browne, as "Austerlitz"; "The Savage and the Maiden," and "The Pie

NIBLO'S GARDEN. -Jerome Ravel's new pantomime, Bianco, or The Magic Sword," is announced for every night this week; it is very amusing, and conse quently successful.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATER .- " Life's Troubled Tides" and "Variety" are persistently repeated.

PURDY'S NATIONAL THEATER.-Three pieces a night are announced for this week, beginning with tonight, "The Knight of Arva," "Pongo" and "The Wept of Wish-ton-Wish."

FIRES.

FIRE IN FORTY-THIRD AND FORTY-FOURTH STREETS. At 12} o'clock on Monday morning a fire broke out in an unoccupied shanty between Forty-third and Fortyfourth streets, near Fourth avenue. Loss \$30. FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning a three-stery brick building in Court, near Centre street, was de stroyed by fire. It was owned by S. Gunder. The lower floor was occupied by E. Farrell as a cigar store, and the upper stories by M. Gross and James Mullgan. Loss about \$3,000; insured for \$1,200 in the Clinton Insurance Company.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN DUTCHESS COUNTY. The flouring mill of W. Northrop, near Bangall, with its contents, including 500 bushels of rye, was entirely destroyed by fire on Friday night. The fire was seen in Poughkeepsie and caused an nlarm. We have not yet ascertained the loss nor the amount of insurance.

CITY ITEMS.

Rembrandt Peale of Philadelphia is to read a paper to-night before the Historical Society on "Washington and his Portraits." Mr. Peale is the only surviving ertist of all who painted Washington from life, and his own reminiscences must be interesting. The families of the members are admitted on this occasion.

TROW'S NEW-YORK DIRECTORY FOR 1857 AND '58. -This book has made its appearance. It is unusually full and complete, the compiler, Mr. H. Wilson, having profited by the experience of former years to correct a number of errors which have been heretofere apparent. It contains full information about the vastous Departments of the City Government, the Churches, Parks, Streets, Public Institutions, and all the hundred things which make a Directory useful.

Mr. B. Gratz Brown, editor of The St. Louis Democrat, is in this city at the Metropolitan Hotel. He leaves to morrow evening for Boston, to attend the Bunker-Hill Festival. Mr. Brown will receive a cordial welcome in the land of the Pilgrims, as the author of the celebrated speech made by him last Winter in the Legislature in favor of emancipation. Mr. Brown is a Kentuckian by birth.

The United States Mail steamship Atlantic, Capt. Oliver Eldridge, to sail on Saturday, the 20th last., having been put in the most perfect order, will be open to those who wish to visit her on Tusaday, the 16th of June.

OFF TO BOSTON.-Oceanus Engine Company No. 11, John Wildey, Foreman, left this city yesterday afternoon, on the steamboat Connecticut, for Boston co mite in the celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill on Wednesday. The Company took their splendid engine with them, and had over 50 men in the ranks. The engine was magnificently decorated with festoons of flowers and rosettes.

EXCURSION TO BUNKER HILL .- We understand that the Bunker Hill Association will proceed to-morrow, on board the steamer Commonwealth, to Boston, and participate in the celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill and the inauguration of the statue of Gen. Warren. This Association is composed of the order of United Americans, and will be received by the Warren Association of Boston, who have made arrangements, after the celebration on the 17th, to introduce them to the Governor of the State, the Mayor, ex-Mayor and Common Council, and in the evening to take them to the Boston Museum; and on the morning of the 18th to give them a sail down Boston Bay, and in the afternoon give them a dinner. The Association has engaged rooms at the Winthrop House, which, we believe, is the finest house in Boston.

THE SEVENTH REGIMENT, NATIONAL GUARDS-This splendid corps of our national militia, numbering 650 men, under Col. Duryea, leaves this afternoon for Boston, in the steamer Plymouth Rock, to participate in the ceremovies attendant upon the inauguration of the statue of General Warren, at Bunker Hill, on the 17th inst. The regiment will be received at Stonington by a torch-light procession. The Common Council of Boston has tendered them a public dinner and other courtesies, as have also most of the military companies of that city. It was the intention of the regiment to have acted as escort to Lieut. Gen. Scott in case of his attendance at the celebration. GRAND CELEBRATION OF THE BATTLE OF BUSKET

HILL AT NEWBURGH. - The Military Convention of the State of New-York will be in session at Newburgh on the 17th of June, comprising a representation from all the military organizations in the State and a large number of military men from other States. The citizens of Newburgh have made arrangements to mark the occasion by a celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, which occurs on that day. The Convention has signified its desire to enter into cordial cooperation with the citizens in the celebration. An oration will be delivered by Gen. Clarence N. Seward. The Seventy-first Regiment of this city will be present, accompanied by Dodworth's Band. The Ninetsenth Regiment will perform escort daty.

EXCURSION OF THE CITY GUARD. -This fine corps of military yesterday celebrated their I wenty-fourth Anniversary by an excursion down the Bay to Shrewsbury Inlet. Before starting from the Armory in the morning, the happy events of the day were inaugurated by a presentation from the members of the corps of a beautiful and coetly pair of spaulettes to their esteemed commandant, Capt. Wm. H. Hallick. The presentation was made in behalf of the company by ex-Capt. Ferris in a neat and pertinent speech, handsomely responded to by Capt. Hallick. This ceremony over, the Guard marched down Broadway, headed by Dodworth's full Band, to Battery place, where they embarked on board the steamer Osceola for their trip down the Bay. On arriving at the bar at the mouth of the Neversink, they were re-